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Office Action Summary

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BLACKWOOD ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI/02)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Amendment filed 10 April 2008 has been entered. Claims 1-8 and 10-18 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al (US 4,212,897).

Regarding **claim 1**, Young et al discloses a composition (Abstract, line 1) consisting:

- an organopolysiloxane containing hydroxyl groups (Abstract, lines 3-4); this serves as component (A) of the instant claim,
- a hydrolysable organic titanium compound or a partial hydrolyzate thereof (Abstract, lines 5-6); this serves as component (C) of the instant claim,

Young et al further exemplifies the components of the composition (Example XIII, col. 16, lines 45-53) :

- 10g siloxane copolymer X2-5056 (col.16, lines 50-51), this serves as component (A) of the instant claim,
- 10g dimethylpolysiloxane fluid (col.16, line 52); this serves as component (B) of the instant claim,

- 10 g tetraisopropyl titanate (col.16, line 49); this serves as component (C) of the instant claim.

Though the organopolysiloxane containing hydroxyl groups of example XIII does not disclose $\text{RSiO}_{3/2}$ units, Young et al further discloses that the polysiloxane may be predominantly a monoorganopolysiloxane (col.2, lines 37-38); therefore, substituting the siloxane copolymer X2-5056 of example XIII with a polysiloxane that is predominantly monoorganopolysiloxane (in the disclosed amount) would have amounted to nothing more than the use of a known element for its intended use in a known environment in order to achieve entirely expected result.

Regarding **claims 2-3**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above. Though Young et al does not explicitly disclose the R on the monoorganopolysiloxane being methyl, since the disclosed R on the siloxane copolymer X2-5056 (col.16, lines 50-51) is methyl, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use a monoorganopolysiloxane with methyl.

Regarding **claims 4-5**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above. The R on the disclosed dimethylpolysiloxane (col.16, line 52) is methyl.

Regarding **claims 6-8**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above. The disclosed tetraisopropyl titanate (col.16, line 49) conforms to the

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formula of the metal alkoxide of the instant claim, where M is titanium and each R⁴ is isopropyl.

10g of tetraisopropyl titanate is 100 parts per 100 part of the monoorganopolysiloxane.

Regarding **claims 10-12 and 16**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above and further discloses the composition containing 30g perchloroethylene (col.16, line 53).

30g perchloroethylene is 300 parts per 100 part of the monoorganopolysiloxane.

Regarding **claim 13**, Young et al discloses a solution (col.16, line 47) prepared by mixing (col.16, line 55):

- 10g siloxane copolymer X2-5056 (col.16, lines 50-51), this serves as component (A) of the instant claim,
- 10g dimethylpolysiloxane fluid (col.16, line 52); this serves as component (B) of the instant claim,
- 10 g tetraisopropyl titanate (col.16, line 49); this serves as component (C) of the instant claim.

Though the siloxane copolymer X2-5056 does not disclose RSiO₃/2 units, Young et al further discloses that the polysiloxane may be predominantly a monoorganopolysiloxane (col.2, lines 37-38); therefore, substituting the siloxane copolymer X2-5056 of example XIII with a polysiloxane that is predominantly

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monorganopolysiloxane (in the disclosed amount) would have amounted to nothing more than the use of a known element for its intended use in a known environment in order to achieve entirely expected result.

Regarding **claims 14-15 and 18**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above and further discloses applying the composition of the invention to a large number of substrates, including wood (col.6, lines 27-28 and col.6, line 42).

Regarding **claim 17**, modified Young et al discloses all the claim limitations as set forth above and further discloses mixing 30g perchloroethylene (col.16, line 53).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, filed 10 April 2008, with respect to claims 1-8 and 10-18 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of 01/10/2008 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OLATUNDE S. OJURONGBE whose telephone number

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is (571)270-3876. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7.15am-4.45pm, EST time, Alt Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski can be reached on (571)272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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